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## BIG FOUR TALKS REACH

### AN IMPASSE

#### Little Agreement On Disarmament

Paris, Dec. 6.

The Big Four's secret disarmament talks reached an impasse today.

The delegates in effect gave up trying for agreement on the conflict in East-West plans and prepared to throw the problem back in the lap of the UN Assembly's Political Committee.

The end came after eight closed door meetings among Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vyshinsky, US Ambassador Philip C. Jessup, British Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd and French delegate Jules Moch.

They have met as a Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Assembly President Luis Padilla Nervo of Mexico. Padilla Nervo announced the group will meet again on Friday. It is understood, however, that the session will consist mainly of a discussion on what kind of report to make to the Political Committee on Monday.

The Disarmament Sub-Committee was created by the Political Committee last Friday after two weeks of dragging debate on disarmament.

It became apparent tonight the talks have shown this much to the respective delegations:

#### A COMMISSION

Both sides agree there should be a commission to talk about disarmament or arms limitation, but they are not agreed on specific orders for that commission. They agree it should be made up of the "members of the Security Council plus Canada."

The Soviet Union is insisting the atomic bomb must be banned at this session of the General Assembly by a decision of the Assembly.

The Russians promise to help draw up a system of international control after the bomb has been banned, but the West holds a promise would be insufficient protection in the interval of effective control.

The Russians maintain their opposition to the UN plan of control, voted at the Paris Assembly in 1948 and since reaffirmed. This calls for a system of control by stages.

Once the matter is back in the Political Committee, the United States hopes for a decision setting up a Disarmament Commission. The Americans expect the Russians to take part in the Commission, but have no assurance so far the Russians will do so.—Associated Press.

Places set on fire were the Saudi Theatre, alleged to be a centre of Communist activities and closed recently by the authorities, the Democrat Club housing the Communist Youth Organisation and the Partisans of Peace as well as the offices of the "Society for the Struggle against Imperialist Oil Companies" and the premises of a Communist newspaper.—Reuter.

#### COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Educational Facilities

OF all the Government departmental annual reports which, in recent weeks, have been published none is more commendable, more informative or more readable than that of the Director of Education which was placed before Legislative Council this week. It is a document deserving the widest possible circulation and it is a pity, therefore, that it is deemed necessary to limit the availability of copies. The Colony has become markedly education-conscious since the war; the subject of schools and schooling is readily and widely discussed and a diversity of views is not difficult to obtain. The general public, understandably enough, are principally interested in the effective expansion of educational facilities capable of fulfilling the requirements of the present. It is well, however, that associated problems should be fully appreciated. One of the most formidable of these is a sufficient supply of well-trained teachers. The report pin-points this by observing that "an increased supply of trained teachers for the urban schools is a sine qua non of school expansion," and a suitable measure of satisfaction is to be obtained from Government's decision to regard the problem as urgent. The Grantham Training College, re-establishment of a Department of Education at the University and the institution of short but intensive courses for untrained teachers are the courses and means by which it is intended to make good the present dearth of adequately trained masters and mistresses. The public, however, would be misleading themselves to expect spectacularly immediate results. What is assured is a gradual but constant easing of the problem. Manifestly teacher-training is not the only requirement for the effective expansion of educational facilities in the Colony. A kindred problem is

accommodation, and Government, the report shows, has kept this very prominently in mind in formulating its schemes for meeting the needs of the future. The impression left is that the Authorities and their advisers have displayed appropriate vision in settling policy which is to govern expansion of educational facilities, and that under it progress will be sure and valuable. Still another aspect of education has received close attention during the past twelve months resulting in a number of new features being introduced since September of this year. The report refers to it as the "actual organisation and content of education," which has been modified to permit of a clearer separation between primary and secondary education in Government schools. The reorganisation bears some relationship to the system now in force in England. Primary education in Hongkong will now cover a six-year period, whereafter pupils will sit an examination which will determine whether they advance to secondary English or Chinese Government schools, or whether they end their schooling on completion of the six-years' course. There are merits and disadvantages about this system, the biggest objection to it being that the prospects of a child enjoying advanced education rest very largely on ability to pass a single and all-decisive examination. Apparently it is not intended to take into account the general standard of work performed by a student during his six years of tuition; his eligibility for entrance to a secondary school will hinge wholly on passing a single examination. Parents may feel this is a somewhat arbitrary method of determining whether a child shall or shall not receive higher education, and experience may show the need for further modification of the new system.



General Eisenhower recently called upon the European members of NATO to make a greater effort to preserve the Western World's way of life. This picture shows the General delivering his speech to NATO in Rome.

### Shark Kills Ski Expert

Newcastle, Australia, Dec. 6. A shark killed Frank Okulich, 21, Australian surf ski champion, at Merewether Beach here today. His terribly mauled body was washed into shallow water an hour after horrified onlookers saw him dragged under.

Okulich, a guard at the beach, was swimming 100 yards from shore with three other guards. One witness to the tragedy said: "I saw a shadow in the crest of a big wave. It tugged the poor kid under but he came up again waving his arms. I saw the shadow attack him again and again. Then his head just bobbed in the waves like a cork."

"After about four minutes I saw the shark have another go at him—then his body disappeared."—Associated Press.

### Tension Around Port Suez Slowly Subsides

British HQ, Suez Canal Zone, Dec. 6.

Steel-helmeted British troops dug in behind sandbagged barricades today and were posted on all roads leading into the city of Suez. Tension in the Canal Zone's worst trouble spot subsided slowly while troops banned all but essential traffic.

Two infantry battalions were deployed around Suez while high-level negotiations between the British and Egyptian authorities continued. One of the first results of the negotiations was the arrival in Suez today of the new Egyptian police chief from Cairo, Brigadier Mahmoud Habr.

The police continued clearing an Arab village near the Suez water-filtering plant as a result of yesterday's stern protest note by the British Provost Marshal, Michael Flanagan. A British Bren-gun carrier force fought a three-hour running gun battle with police and terrorists at the water-filtering plant on Tuesday.

British intelligence officers were openly sceptical tonight of reports that the Egyptian Army was "massing" near Suez. They said that they did not expect "any trouble" from the Egyptian Army.

Observers thought that the Monday and Tuesday battles were "panic" incidents and not premeditated assaults.

Life in Suez, meanwhile, resembled that of a town whose communities have been cut off by a landslide.

A British spokesman in Ismailia announced that the British casualties since Egypt abrogated the Anglo-Egyptian treaty totalled 19 killed, including eight Mauritians, and 22 wounded. He said that it was impossible to estimate the Egyptian casualties.

**TAKES COMMAND**  
The Egyptian Minister of State, Abdel Meguid Abdel Haky, has taken over command of the "liberation battalions" by order of the Council of Ministers, it was learned here tonight.

He will set up a body to supervise military training, and the Cabinet has allotted 100,000 Egyptian pounds as a first instalment for this purpose. The Egyptian Foreign Ministry tonight issued a Green Book containing the minutes of political talks and notes exchanged between the Egyptian and British Governments.

The first pages are devoted to a letter by Salah El Din Jomaha, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, to the late Mr Ernest Bevin saying that Egyptian acquiescence of opinion was that an evacuation of the British and unity of the Nile Valley was imperative before any negotiations could start between the two countries.

**PROTEST NOTE**  
Cairo, Dec. 6. The British Embassy tonight protested to the Egyptian Government against the "deliberate and unprovoked attack" on British troops in the Suez area on December 3 and 4.

The note protested against the "failure of the Egyptian police to control the lawless elements of the population and particularly the behaviour of the guard companies of the auxiliary police." "Urgent action is required to disarm and control the civil population and to remove those who are actually taking part in breaches of the peace," the note added.

## Churchill Opens Defence Debate

### "We Will Not Flinch From Our Commitment"

#### CONCERN CAUSED BY SLOW RAF PROGRESS

London, Dec. 6.

The establishment of a great American atom air base in East Anglia placed Britain in the frontline should there be another world war, but Britain would not "flinch" from her commitment should fighting come. Mr Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, declared tonight.

Mr Churchill was speaking in the House of Commons in opening a defence debate and referred to the East Anglia bases when he talked about the "formidable step" the Labour Government had taken in 1948 by establishing the bases.

Mr Clement Attlee, the Labour Prime Minister defeated by Mr Churchill in the general elections this year, intervened to say, "We certainly agreed to the stationing of American bombers in this country as part of the Atlantic Defence Pact. It was never put forward specifically as a base for using the atom bomb against Russia. That was never suggested."

Mr Churchill answered, "That is the impression which, however mistakenly, they seem to have derived."

Mr Attlee: The Prime Minister must be careful on this. We had conversations, and the Americans have no illusions whatever as regards our position in this matter.

Mr Churchill: It is no use going on blinking the great and underlying realities of the position.

On the subject of defence generally, Mr Churchill said that Britain's greatest concern in her defences was the slow progress in the Air Force specially in the supply of the latest machines.

"We must not forget that the Soviet Air Force is formidable, not only in numbers but in quality."

#### PREPARATIONS

Reviewing other preparations for defence, Mr Churchill said that the first steps had been taken in re-establishing the Home Guard. A naval mine watching organisation would be recruited next year. The country would continue next year calling up men of the reserves for 15 days' training.

Mr Churchill declared that the Government would not be able to spend the £1,250,000,000 set aside for rearmament this year.

On Britain's controversial new 280 calibre rifle, Mr Churchill said that he did not propose to go forward with retooling the factories till there had been further talks with Allied nations.

He hoped that there would be agreement on a standard rifle between all the Powers concerned.

Turning to the appointment of a Supreme Naval Commander for the Atlantic, Mr Churchill said that he was not at all convinced of the need of such a Supreme Commander.

"The question of the nationality of the Commander is a secondary matter," he said.

Referring to the conference in Paris on the plan for a European army, Mr Churchill said, "As soon as the conference reaches final conclusions we shall consider the way to establish the most effective form of association with the resultant organisation."

"In this way a European army containing a German contingent of great size and strength will stand alongside the British and the United States in a common defensive front, and that is really, after all, what matters to the life and death of the free world."

#### NOT TO MERGE

"So far as Britain is concerned we do not propose to merge in the European army, but we are already joined to it. Our troops are on the spot and we shall do our utmost to make a great and effective contribution to the deterrents against aggression."

Mr Churchill opened the debate by paying a tribute to the former Labour Government which, he said, had taken steps placing Britain second only to the United States in measures on which hopes of a lasting peace were based.

He thought that the danger of war today was less than three years ago at the time of the Berlin airlift crisis.

He said that some of the £1,250,000,000 planned to be spent this year on rearmament

would have to roll forward to future years.

In his references to Egypt, Mr Churchill said, "In Egypt we stand by the four-Power proposals for organising the defence of the Middle East and the safeguarding of the international waterways."

Mr Churchill said that welcome was the fact that good relationships prevailed between the British and Egyptian Army.

"Everyone would like to see a steady settlement of the problem but there are some problems in which time is a potent factor, and we propose to use it with patience as well as firmness."

Mr Churchill said.—Reuter.

### Churchill To Visit Paris

London, Dec. 6.

The Foreign Office tonight officially confirmed the forthcoming visit of the British statesman, Mr Winston Churchill, and Mr Anthony Eden to Paris. A Foreign Office spokesman said: "It is announced in London today that the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have arranged to pay a brief visit to Paris on December 17 for a general talk with Mr Pleven and Mr Schuman before they leave for Washington at the end of the month."—A.P.

### Weizmann Better

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 6.

President Chaim Weizmann's condition is improving and he is now out of danger, it was officially announced here tonight.—United Press.

### "BRUTAL" MALAYA STATISTICS

London, Dec. 6.

Mr Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today that no decision could be taken on Malaya till after the return of the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton.

He said it had become plainly evident that there must be one man with effective powers in all branches including military and police should be placed in Malaya.

He said: Some brutal statistics may be presented to the House. We have in Malaya over 25,000 British troops, over 10,000 Gurkhas, and over 7,000 other soldiers. Added to this there are 6,000 local police in different stages of armament and many part-time auxiliary police. The whole amounts to over 100,000 men employed in a costly struggle. The total expenditure of the fighting forces is nearly £50,000,000 a year quite apart from other emergency expenditures falling upon the Malayan Government. We are also suffering heavy losses in the restriction through terrorism on our tin mines and rubber plantations.

"It is said the bandits or whatever they should be called, numbered between 3,000 and 5,000, and I do not suppose their maintenance cost is comparably at all heavy. It certainly seems some improvement should be made in this theatre of tragedy and waste."—A.P.

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## King Of Denmark Visits Site Of Mine Explosion



King Frederik IX of Denmark (left) visits the scene of the disastrous mines dump explosion at the naval munition depot in Copenhagen, in which 15 firemen were killed and about 70 people injured. Eight mines, with half a ton of dynamite in each, blew up and wrecked the Quintess Bastion, part of the depot entrance to the port of Copenhagen. — London Express.

## Models To Give The Answer

London, Dec. 6. — Mr. Stanley H. Fish, 63, of Cranston, has just completed 15 years' research which, he believes, will answer the world's trickiest naval problem. Which was the faster ship, the USS Salk or the Thermopylae? For 75 years, mariners have argued the point.

After collecting data and drawing plans of the two ocean liners, Mr. Fish, a draughtsman, plans to make scale models in the New Year and race them in a pool near his home.

It will be more accurate than if the actual ships were compared because two crews are alike, and with the models it will be ship against ship. — Mr. Fish. The Cutty Sark will afford

## U.S. Committees At Loggerheads On Defence Issue

Washington, Dec. 6. — A joint Senate-House Committee today criticised a Senate sub-committee for reporting a dangerous lag in the nation's defence mobilisation programme.

The Joint Committee commended top Government officials for performing an outstanding job of defence mobilisation.

Supplying the sub-committee's note of alarm, but pointing out that the nation has not been in a state of defence mobilisation since the end of the Second World War, the Joint Committee said: "The nation's defence programme cannot reasonably be expected to maintain its minimum military strength in the face of a peace-time budget."

The committee also noted that the Senate sub-committee, headed by Senator Burrell Maybank, Democrat, South Carolina, had reported last week that the nation's defence mobilisation effort was "not alarmed."

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## U.S. Army Has Atomic Artillery, Says Gen. Collins Will Eventually Replace Normal Heavy Weapons

Washington, Dec. 6. — General J. Lawton Collins said tonight that the United States has developed atomic artillery and he indicated that such weapons may be ready for combat use in the not too distant future.

The Army's Chief of Staff said atomic weapons will not revolutionise ground warfare but they will greatly enhance the power of defence and be of greater value in defence than in attack.

Gen. Collins added that the Army already is making plans for the day when atomic artillery will be used in conjunction with older types being converted.

He declined to say when the Army expects to have tactical atomic weapons. "It is not in the too distant future," the general said, "but that is all I am going to say."

Gen. Collins made these statements in a radio recording for the Mutual Broadcasting System.

He also said: "I still believe there will be an armistice in Korea."

2. With an armistice, the withdrawal of American troops from Korea will depend largely on any political agreements reached between the Reds and the Allies. He added: "We should not expect the early return of any of our forces in Korea."

3. If peace talks fail, it is possible that the Allies will bring greater sea and air pressure against Red China.

4. The United Nations' defence line in Korea is so strong that it will hold under any foreseeable development that is likely to occur.

5. Atomic defence is strong enough to hold against Soviet attack.

6. If the United States had not gone into Korea to meet "unprovoked aggression" then the United Nations would be "deader than a dole."

Discussing atomic artillery, General Collins said: "We have developed such a weapon now. The time as to when it would be practicable to put it into use on a large scale, I don't want to go into because—needless to say—any potential enemy would like to have that information."

Then the general went on to say that atomic artillery has been tested as a weapon. — Associated Press.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 6. — Admiral William M. Fechteler said today that U.S. carrier-based planes could rain atomic bombs on any target in the world within 600 miles of the sea.

The Chief of Naval Operations said the new-found striking power of the carrier increases enormously each time means are found to reduce the size and weight of A-bombs.

Adm. Fechteler told a meeting of the Navy League that this country's new and modernised carriers now can press home a multi-bomb atomic attack against moderately remote targets. And, he added, the ability of the carrier to deliver the atomic bomb increases as the bomb becomes smaller and lighter.

"This means," he said, "that the Navy has the capability of delivering an atomic bomb, or many atomic bombs, from anywhere on the earth's surface that is covered by water to a target within the radius of action of carrier-based planes—a distance of 600 miles."

ATOMIC SUBMARINES — Adm. Fechteler suggested that more vessels in the Navy's huge mothball fleet be converted into various types of guided missile launching ships.

In an interview before his talk, Adm. Fechteler said the

## Guided Missiles Being Produced

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 6. — Secretary of the Air Force Thomas K. Finletter said here today that the Hughes Aircraft Co. electronic plant on the outskirts of Tucson definitely is producing guided missiles.

Asked about the huge plant, which sprawls across the desert, Mr. Finletter said: "Yes, I should say it is building guided missiles. Despite the details about it being classified, we are building guided missiles there."

Mr. Finletter came here to discuss the city's aviation industry with businessmen. — Associated Press.

## SUDANESE APPEAL TO THE U.N.

Paris, Dec. 7. — A group of Sudanese emissaries appealed to the United Nations today to support them in their demand for the evacuation of the Sudan by the British.

The Sudanese delegation, claiming to act on behalf of five political parties in the Sudan representing 95 per cent of the population, declared in a letter to the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, that the Sudanese "unanimously demand the evacuation of British troops and the termination of the present British administration of the Sudan."

The letter, circulated to all members of the United Nations, charged that Britain had always objected to the liberation of the Sudan and the unity of the Nile Valley under the "false pretence of safeguarding the rights of the Sudanese to self-determination."

Egypt, the letter said, supported by an overwhelming majority of Sudanese, had, on the other hand, always believed that the "union of Egypt and the Sudan is real, natural and lawful."

The letter said that further adherence by Britain to the proposed plebiscite would reflect her bad intentions and her imperialistic aims. — United Press.

NEGOTIATIONS for similar treaties with Egypt are proceeding.

The report, coupled with India's recently signed treaty with Iran, indicate India's bid for "closer ties with the peoples of the countries of the Middle East area, considered vital to the peace and prosperity of Asia."

An exhibition of Indian art is to leave for Cairo in mid-December.

An Indian Minister is being appointed to Baghdad and an Indian Government Office is being opened in Damascus. — United Press.

CHARTER FOR THE WELSH — London, Dec. 6. — London's Welshmen are to be honoured by the King. Their organisation, the Honourable Society of Cymrodorion, are to be granted a Royal Charter.

The Society, celebrating their 200th anniversary on December 13, they will meet at St James's Palace, at the King's invitation, for their bicentenary gathering. Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip will be present. The Princess will hand over the Royal Charter at this meeting. The Charter would enable the Society to add the word "Royal" to their title, but they will probably keep to their present historic style. One of Prince Philip's titles is Earl of Merioneth.

MARIA'S BABY CHOSE LISBON — London, Dec. 6. — Mrs. Maria Moreno took off at Lisbon with her husband and two-year-old son, hoping that her next baby would be born in Buenos Aires. But, an hour later the airplane returned in time for her to have her baby in Lisbon.

TO SUE WIFE TOO DEAR — London, Dec. 6. — A divorce action alleging desertion, brought by John Boderick McDonald, of Courtfield Gardens, South Kensington, against his wife in Mississippi, was dropped in Edinburgh because he does not qualify for legal aid, and cannot meet her claim for £250 expenses to come to Britain to give evidence.

Mr. McDonald had been told in court: "A wife is entitled to appear to defend her name and reputation at her husband's expense."

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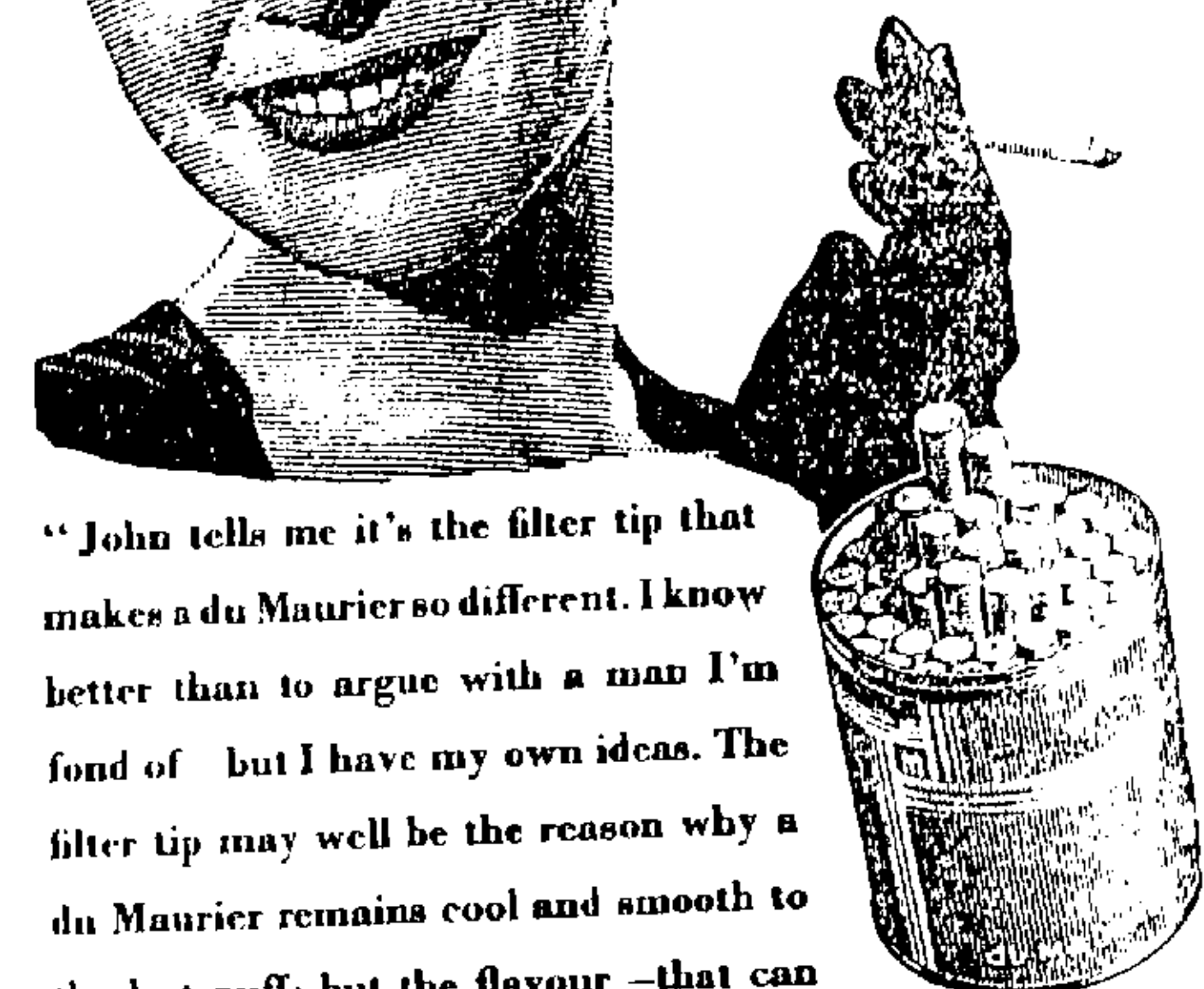






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# RIDDLE OF THE BATTLESHIP SWALLOWED BY 'THE CRUEL SEA'

*Eight men and the Sao Paulo vanished  
33 days ago in an Atlantic hurricane*

**W**HERE is the battleship Sao Paulo and the eight adventurers bringing her across the treacherous Atlantic? Still unknown—and helplessly lost? Or sunk without trace?

Back in England and Portugal, the last men to see her: the men who for the first time can tell the story of the vast steel hull with the eight figures clustered on her bridge—which vanished 33 days ago.

It was the crew of the tug Buster and Dexterous whose job it was to bring the 12,200-ton hull of the Sao Paulo from a navy yard in Brazil to a scrap yard on the Clyde.

## THREE-NATION SEARCH

THEIR story only deepens the mystery of the Sao Paulo. Because every man jack of them is convinced that the battleship is afloat. Yet nobody has seen her, though planes from three nations have scoured 150,000 square miles of the Atlantic—the "cruel sea" of Nicholas Monsarrat's best-selling novel.

The experts—the men who know how Britain built ships in the days when the Sao Paulo's keel was laid more than 40 years ago—say that she would never sink.

They say that her disappearance is one more riddle of the sea.

But what happened when the tow-ropes parted, 150 miles north of the Azores, just as darkness gathered and a 75-miles-per-hour hurricane roared on that night of November 4? Take —

At Lisbon: While the tug Buster was refuelling, her skipper, Captain A. Am, from Hellenburg, gave this account:—

"I was on the bridge. The battleship appeared and disappeared among mountainous waves at the end of the 1,800-ft. towlines. Now and again through the darkness we could see the eight men standing on her bridge. Suddenly my ship and Dexterous lurched forward as the towlines snapped. The howling of the wind made it impossible to megaphone any message to the men of the Sao Paulo."

"We waved. They waved back. Then they were gone. I carried on the search until November 19."

From the other tug, Dexterous came:

## THE CREWMAN'S STORY

**A**T BARRY, Port Cardiff, where Dexterous is having repairs, a member of the crew said:—

"We left Rio de Janeiro on September 19. We had only another 1300 miles to go when we ran into bad weather. We couldn't avoid the storm."

"The awkward, crab-like progress of the battleship didn't help. Sao still had her engines, quite useless of course, and her guns and turrets. That made her a heavy tow."

"Our 12-hour struggle against the weather began about six in the morning. During the day the heaviest rain I've ever seen kept blotting out the battleship. There was a wall of spray between us. Some of the waves must have been 70 feet high."

"The Sao Paulo kept sheering round so that we were towing her end on. Our speed fell to about half a knot—less than a mile an hour."

"Then a terrifying squall hit us. The tugs were only 20 feet apart—a dangerously narrow margin—when the lines snapped. And the Sao Paulo vanished."

Well, that was the last seen of the Sao Paulo. The tugs searched in worsening weather until they were forced to give up. And so we come to —

## THE EIGHT ADVENTURERS

**A**BOARD the Sao Paulo are William Painter, of Goodmayes-road, Goodmayes, Essex, and the

seven men he recruited for the venture.

The men had two months' food when the voyage began. But they cannot tell the world where they are. The battleship has no radio.

William Painter's seven men are William Adams, 28, who lived at the Painter home, John Mosseau, 29, of St. John's, Newfoundland; John Ellis, 28, of Lachine, Montreal; Charles Tate, of William-street, Ely; Thomas McCormick, of Newtownards, Co. Down; a man named Kennedy, who is believed to have joined the Sao Paulo at Rio de Janeiro, but whose home is at Glasgow; and an unnamed English boy who also joined the ship at the last minute.

But in every saga of the sea luck plays a part. There was —

## THE MAN WHO ESCAPED

**I**N STEPNEY, E. Mr E. Devos, a South African, told this story:—

"I was on board the battleship casting off when one of the ropes suddenly whipped up from the quayside and wrapped itself round my body knocking me over."

"That took me off the trip. Some of us were uneasy about some port holes that had been bolted up."

"The Sao Paulo was to all intents and purposes rudderless. It was a dead ship with no provisions for recreation for the off-duty men. We had two life-boats."

"The ship's departure from Rio was watched by a large number of Brazilian naval officers and men. My last glimpse of the scene before I lost consciousness was of the sailors waving goodbye."

**LATEST:** The search for the Sao Paulo has now been abandoned, according to a cable from London.

# SLAVE LABOUR SYSTEM ADOPTED BY RED CHINA

By EDWARD CARRAN

**I**N the last six months there has been increasing evidence that the Chinese Communist Government intends to use forced labour on a mass scale as in Russia.

In February the Chinese Government issued new regulations on the punishment of anti-revolutionary criminals. These regulations provide for sentence of death or life imprisonment on anyone who tries "to undermine the people's democratic cause." There is also a sinister reference to peasants who resist grain levies and tax collection.

The Minister of Justice declared at that time that for those given prison sentences confinement in itself was not sufficient punishment and added: "It is necessary to force them to labour, and through labour to make them realise that they deserve their punishment."

The new regulations were the signal for a wave of political repression, with the mass trials and incitement to denunciation which have become a common feature of the new Communist State. It was not long before the forced labour system was in operation.

In March the Public Security Bureau of the Kansu People's Government set up a Labour Reform Committee, and "counter-revolutionaries" were put into "labour reform camps." Obedient prisoners were granted reduction of sentence, while those who resisted "reform" were given new sentences and heavier penalties.

Three months later, in June, it was officially announced that a collective farm had been set up in Tientsin, on which convicted "counter-revolutionaries" would do forced labour; and in July that 663 prisoners were working in a "labour reformation group" formed by Penghsien People's Government

in West Szechwan, employed in factories and in transporting coal.

At Hsinu in West Szechwan 387 "counter-revolutionaries" were stated in August to be undergoing reform. Their tasks included building roads, repairing dykes, making bricks, pulling wooden carts and collecting nightsoil. It was claimed that "ideological re-education" had raised their enthusiasm for the work.

A meeting of Communist authorities to discuss the organisation of forced labour in the six provinces of Central and South China was recently reported by a Communist newspaper in Hankow, and a similar meeting in East China was reported by the Press of Shanghai. The former meeting was said to have made plans to increase the number of forced labour camps, and it was added that arrangements had been made with agricultural and water-conservancy departments to use convict labour.

In Soviet Russia forced labour camps are filled by people condemned to exile or to "deprivation of freedom," most of them for alleged offences covered by the comprehensive term "counter-revolutionary"; but this term is stretched to cover almost any activity which incurs the disapproval or suspicion of the State police. Before the war, many of those sent to forced labour were peasants who had resisted collectivisation. Soviet policy in China and forced labour is used as a punishment for "anti-revolutionary" elements.

Reports of a mass execution in May said that 19 of those convicted had been reprieved for two years, during which they could "earn a commutation to life imprisonment if they improve themselves through corrective labour."

Another report said that out of 900 sentenced in one week 240

were executed, 45 were given suspended death sentences and 332 were imprisoned. There have been other similar reports.

Prisoners released on "parole," according to regulations published in Shanghai, are placed "under control" and "supervision" and must undertake "reform through labour," the period of control ranging from one year to five years. Other regulations lay down that dispossessed landlords, even though they may never have been imprisoned or charged, are to be put under similar surveillance and made to do forced labour.

The immediate reason for the rapid extension of forced labour in China is not far to seek. Owing to the wave of arrests during the terror of recent months the prisons are becoming overcrowded. In the course of seven public trials which occurred in one week in June alone about 1,200 people were sentenced, and some means has to be found of disposing of those who are not executed straightaway.

But there are also economic advantages in forced labour. The Hankow newspaper which reported the meeting of Communist authorities in South and Central China pointed out that "increased forced labour would lighten the burden of the State." The Chief of Public Security reminded the meeting that in the Central-South area there were "wastelands to be cultivated, irrigation projects to be realised, mines to be excavated," and so on.

In Soviet Russia the system of forced labour enables the government to carry out vast engineering and other projects at low cost, and is believed to have now become such an important part of the national economy that it can never be abolished. The example of Russia suggests that the numbers of slave workers in China will be increased as the regime consolidates itself.



THE TOW-ROPE  
THAT SNAPPED

# NUFFIELD and LORD —friendly fighters

By BASIL CARDEW

**P**EOPLE said when they heard of the great Morris-Austin merger: "Those two men together again—Nuffield and Leonard Lord. Surely they have been fighting each other for years?" With Nuffield as chairman and Lord as managing director—who will be top dog now?

Both are difficult men, truculent, obstinate, brilliant in engineering, but impetuous in action.

But both men have one quality which should make it smooth and easy for the merged motor empire. That quality is loyalty.

See how it has worked out.

There was the brilliant William Morris who started a cycle business and built his first Morris car in 1913.

There was Leonard Lord who started at 4s. 6d. a week on a 12-hour day in a factory.

By 1931 Morris found himself running one of the biggest car factories in Britain. And sandy-haired, slim Leonard Lord was working for the Hetchkins company which Morris bought up.

By 1933 he was the future Lord Nuffield's managing director. He redesigned the Morris cars.

But Morris was still the boss, very much the boss, and three years later Leonard Lord, then only 39, threw in his hand.

People talked of a disagreement in the boardroom. Lord Nuffield said nothing. Loyalty again. And all that Lord would say was:—

"I am pig-headed, and Lord Nuffield had his opinions. There was no row between us. A few minutes after we had decided to break our business relations we had a gin and French together."

## The fight

**L**ESS than 12 months later Lord Nuffield was looking round for a man to handle his £2,000,000 Trust for the Special Areas.

Whom did he choose? Leonard Lord, of course.

Just one year later there erupted the business fight between the two men—a fight that went on for 13 years, a fight that was keen and ruthless, but never bitter. That was in 1938, when Lord had been snapped up as works director of Austin's, Longbridge.

He found Austin's building the same types of car that had been an "investment" for years and years. He redesigned the whole range of Austin models, giving them a Transatlantic look and the alligator bonnet. The war brought a business truce between them.

enormous sales organisations. Lord Nuffield, watching his success, allocated £1,000,000 to cut down export prices for his own models.

Three years ago, they made a temporary truce. The two vast car-making empires were to pool factory resources to keep down prices.

The arrangement never really worked. Blame for its failure fell on the complicated financial structure.

For three long years they met after the flop of that pooling scheme. Not only as fast collaborators and friends but as business men. Together they faced the problem of foreign competition.

They decided there was one way only—to get together, to amalgamate 42,000 workers and a score of great car-producing factories. And that is just what has happened: Austin's and Morris as one.

And how do you think they'll get on together after three years of deep contemplation? Of course these two men—perhaps with Sir John Black, of Standard's, the greatest motoring brains in Britain—will make a do of it and work without friction together.

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Make Rival Think Before You Concede

NORTH 21	
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Q82	
A83	
WEST EAST	
K852	71096
J5	83
A763	K954
982	QJ10
SOUTH (D)	
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J10	
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4 Pass Pass	
Opening lead—4	

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the strong points of the expert bridge player is that he makes life as difficult as possible for his opponents. For example, suppose the opponents can defeat the expert's contract—can he down-hearted? Not a bit of it. It's still his job to find the right defence, and the expert will do what he can to complicate their job.

Today's hand would be muffed by most average players but would be made by most experts for the reason described. Let's examine the difference.

The average player wins the first club in dummy or in his own hand at random, draws two rounds of trumps, and then leads the jack of diamonds. West naturally ducks in order to let East win with the king of diamonds. East just naturally returns the jack of clubs, and the fat is in the fire.

South must take the spade finesse, and the contract is defeated when the finesse loses. Two diamonds and a club must be lost no matter what happens, so the loss of a spade trick is fatal.

The expert sees all this coming and therefore wins the first trick in dummy with the ace of clubs. His next step is to return the deuce of diamonds from the dummy. The opponents can still defeat the contract, but they have to find the right defence instead of having it handed to them on the proverbial silver platter. At the second trick East must put up the king of diamonds. You know anybody who will make that defensive play?

I'll agree that a great expert will occasionally come up with the right defence. But at this type of play made against him ten times a month, he'll meekly play low six or seven times out of the ten.

Eight or nine times would be close to the truth, but I wouldn't want to be considered ungenerous. Once East is induced to play a low diamond at the second trick, the hand is home. West must win the first diamond, and West is in no position to lead spades. West must lead another club (as good as any), and South wins with the king. South then draws two rounds of trumps and leads his other diamond.

This sets up dummy's queen before the spades have been touched. South can get to dummy with the ten of trumps to discard the queen of spades on the queen of diamonds. The rest, of course, is child's play.

**CARD SENSE**  
Q—Yesterday's hiding has been: North—South West 1 Diamond Pass. You, South, hold: Spades 7-5-4, Hearts 8-2, Diamonds Q-7-2, Clubs A-J-9-6-3. What do you do?

A—Bid two diamonds. Your hand is strong enough for one voluntary response—but not strong enough for two bids. You can either show the clubs or raise the diamonds, but you cannot show both. The raise should be preferred since it is more likely to get the partnership to a playable contract.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 7-5-4, Hearts 8-2, Diamonds Q-7-2, Clubs A-J-9-6-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

**CHESS PROBLEM**  
By D. HJELLE  
Black, 10 pieces.

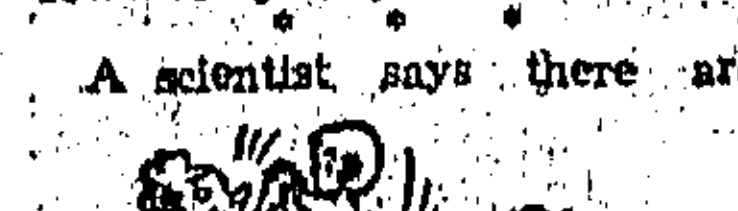


White, 10 pieces.  
Write to play in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. R-R4, any; 2. Q, R, or K (ch or dbl ch) mates.

**BARBS**  
BY HAL COCHRAN

MORE people would amount to something if there were fewer easy ways not to.

A scientist says there are



quantities of rubber in the human body. Hence the bouncing baby boys and girls.

A variation in what usually occurs several days before you have your next period.

Many look at a real possibility that they may be very late.

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE extraordinary sentence in my paper, "They licked the glass like cats," becomes less mysterious when you remember that in rooms with no ceiling or floor or walls or table the food has to be smeared on the windows, and it is easier to lick it from the glass than to scrape it off with the hands.

It was lucky for them that the windows were fitted with glass though any other substance would have done as well. But how would they have had time to think they would have had their food served in some other and rather more complete building?

**Suet takes charge**

C. SUEZ has drawn up a scheme by which officials of the Social Survey Branch of the General Inquiries Division of the Central Intelligence Group of the Overall Interim Council of Specific Information, who are compiling a record of leisure occupations from a cross-section of the population, will be questioned in their turn by special supervisors. Each supervisor will work backwards through categories established by priority, but not undisturbed. Completely of ten-minute schedules will be in the

hands of alternate officials, working to a prearranged pattern, so as to eliminate redundancy.

**Rich man's diet**  
A SENSITIVE, dreamy lady read in her paper that a rich man had paid for a colt a sum that worked out at about seventeen shillings an ounce. "I call it a downright shame," she said, "to eat such young horses."

**The incident at McGurgle's**  
MRS. MCGURGLE writes me: "You dragging up of the occasion on which a Mr. Howland threw a bit of meat at the wall may give the impression that my establishment is one of those in which meat is habitually flung about. This is not so. The barman in question had partaken of too much cherry in Sedge's Dive. His flushed face and loud voice were remarked on at the beginning of the meal, and when he pinched Miss Burlett's ear familiarly all doubts were dissolved. Immediately before throwing the meat, he emptied his gravy into his glass and poured his water over the meat. I mention these sordid details to show that he was not in a normal state of mind. He left after the meal, with his right thumb stuck through a hole in the crown of his hat."

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

BORN today you are another one of those who may have extraordinary handicaps to overcome. But once you have surmounted the difficulties projected by a so-called unlucky star, your success may be all the more significant. Just be constantly warned against starting some new project on your own birthday. Follow your good and bad days carefully, and your own personal magnetism will contribute greatly to your progress.

You are intuitive and have, as well as a deep interest in psychic phenomena. Base your studies on sound research rather than on emotionalism and you will not come too involved in matters you cannot understand. Even if tempted to use this unusual power for gain, it would be best for you to

refuse. It could bring unhappiness to others as well as yourself. Your enthusiasms are often vaunting and you have the gift of persuasion whereby you can make others as excited about your new ideas as you may be a little slow to get started, but once launched upon a fresh project you get into a mood of concentration that is backed by a strong will to "do or die." It is likely that you will have ardent followers as well as bitter critics. You can become a great power for good or equally a serious influence for ill. So just make sure that your ideals are always kept at the highest possible level.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

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**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Be put out with relatives who may seem too demanding. Do all you can to help.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): You and your family may be asked

to join in some group activity. It can be profitable as well as pleasant.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23): Don't permit those who have time to waste your time and energy on nonessentials.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): This is a success day. Make future plans with full confidence and assurance that they will work out.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Romance can bring exceptional joy in your life. Use discretion in this time. Your day has fun!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 23): Do not permit a show of jealousy on another's part to upset your equilibrium. The mood should pass.

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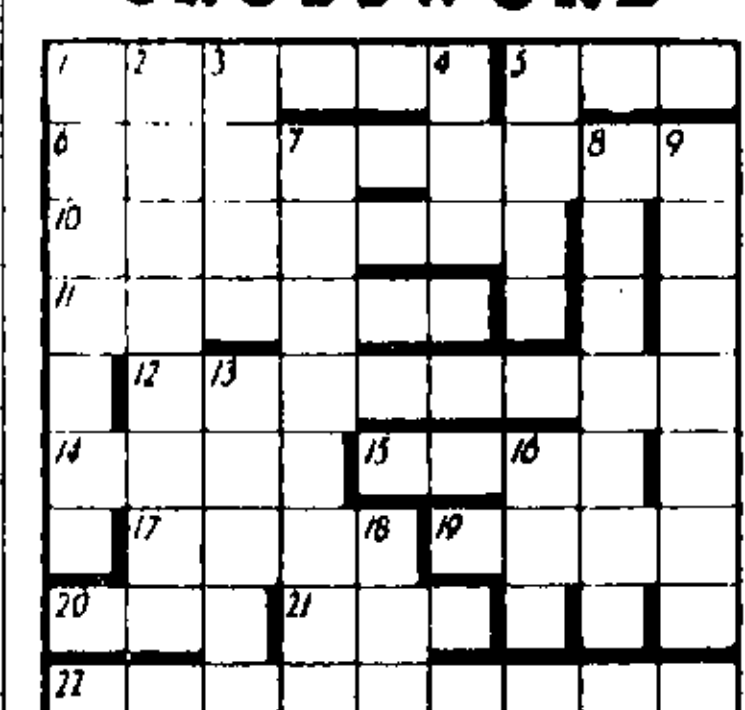
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## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. Snapper of part of a sentence. (6)  
2. Drive from in the sea to the gale. (3)  
3. Rude girl for a change. (4-5)  
4. Said to be adept at embracing. (7)  
5. Mountain range. (6)  
6. Alternate. (4)  
7. A broken feature. (4)  
8. What a frost it is. (4)  
9. Consider. (4)  
10. Cricketer ground but not ball. (4)  
11. Container. (8)  
12. A Roy, but not Derek. (3)  
13. Grade nine material. (9)  
Down  
1. Dromedary, as I drop. (7)  
2. And an ice in a Spanish estate. (8)  
3. A solemn observance. (4)  
4. Drive of beauty. (4)  
5. It's made of ivory. (4)  
6. No, the R.N.R. for a change. (8)  
7. Come faster-made up of drink and sheep. (7)  
8. You find them in the winter of life. (8)  
9. It's all part of the act. (5)  
10. Greeting. (8)  
11. The diorama. (3)  
Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Snapper, 2. Drive, 3. Rude, 4. Said, 5. Mountain, 6. Alternate, 7. A broken, 8. What a, 9. Consider, 10. Cricketer, 11. Container, 12. A Roy, 13. Grade. Down: 1. Dromedary, 2. And an, 3. A solemn, 4. Drive of, 5. It's made, 6. No, the, 7. Come faster, 8. You find, 9. It's all, 10. Greeting, 11. The diorama.

**INTELLIGENCE TEST**  
3 PHILOSOPHERS  
By T. O. HARE

"THE study of philosophy tries to find people who highly try to look to it up quickly; to lose cap aside in a manner which is, in fact, possible. Nothing of any value results."

Three groups of two or more consecutive words are anagrams of the names of famous philosophers.

(Solution on Page 10)

**Check Your Knowledge**

1. Name the military leader who was called "Little Corporal."  
2. What sport is called the "sport of kings?"  
3. Name Germany's greatest poet.  
4. Insulin is used for the treatment of what disease?  
5. Which lake was joined by Niagara Falls?  
6. What is the common name for the disease varicella?

(Answers on Page 10)

## THIS IS THE LIGHT PROGRAMME



Entitled "Light Programme," here is the obligatory top-suit, this time more dramatic than ever with gleaming buttons and a wide waist-span of sleeve to contrast with the stark-slim skirt. In a ribbed wool, it has been designed by David Kidd of Hollywood for the new Jacquard ready-to-wear Spring Collection. Hat is by Otto Lucas. Renterphoto.

## Plan Your GIFT-GIVING

HAVE you already decided what Christmas gifts you are giving this year?

More than likely, like most of us, you have some of them selected and are still undecided about others. If this is the case, you may find that when the family and close friends are gathered at some family occasion, you can "size them up" and make final plans about what you will give each individual or family group.

### Appropriate Gift

Study your family closely to make sure that what you make for them will be appropriate. This also is a good time to get a final check on sizes so that what you make for them will fit correctly.

Scarves, stoles, bows, blouses, blouses, hugg-me-tights, bed-jackets, skirts, hoods, capes, even home and party dresses can be made for someone, young or old, to enjoy wearing for a long time after the gift is received.

### Christmas Stocking

A gay Christmas stocking for children, and toys also, will be included here, and of course, a gift for Father and Junior. We will show you gay and inexpensive things to make for your table and not-too-hard decorative suggestions to add a new holiday touch to your home.

So now is the time to begin getting your checks on measurements, to observe closely, and to wangle, if you can, expressions about colour preferences.

### What Will Appeal

Knowing what will appeal will enable you to give the appropriate gift and you will indeed know that the thanks you receive for your gifts are genuine.

A stole can easily be made at home. In a colour that will please and flatter the wearer, this can be a lovely and valued gift.

### Home-made Gifts

A bed jacket (we will show you how to make this on our Saturday Home-craft Page), toys at a trifling cost that are worth many times more and other gifts.

Christmas is a time for families to share not only gifts but affection. Make your Christmas one to remember by giving the planned, the perfect and appropriate gift.

## The Old And The New In Decorating

The newlyweds want to know if and how they can mix a fire bit of traditional furniture or an antique with the shiny contemporary interiors so beloved by young moderns.

Nearly every store display in America this year uses the twain beautifully, in fact, many an interior has been built around this theme. In some rooms even the settings have

been ultra-modern, and yet a fine traditional piece has found itself perfectly at home, side by side with contemporary pieces.

### Different Walls

In one display house, the living-room has one wall in rough whitewashed fieldstone, one in cypress wood rubbed with white, one of smooth sheetrock and the fourth of glass. The floor is cork and the floor of the glass-walled gallery leading out of the room is of flagstone.

A very modern shell, you'd say, calling for the very latest in modern pieces. Yet, much of the furniture is French Provincial or derives from the Directoire period. But all pieces, whether contemporary or traditional, are distinguished by clear outlines, and much use has been made of black and white to tie up the various wood finishes which include oak, yewwood, chestnut, walnut, and a spattered effect. The single colour note, a wing chair done in chamois, was just enough.

### Storage Unit

We liked the bedroom, with its wall of glass and opposite long wall an entire architectural storage unit. Yet, despite this modern setting, the furniture was mostly of the informal French variety.



Mr. Merlin was sitting on top of a daisy waving to Knarf and Hanid.

have tails to hold on to branches of trees. But kites don't need tails for any of those reasons at all. Let's take them off," he said.

Hanid said: "Mr. Merlin said for me not to try any funny stuff."

Knarf said he didn't see anything funny about just taking off a useless tail made of strips of old cloth, and Hanid finally agreed with him. So off they took the two tails.

You can't imagine what alarming things happened, the next instant. Instead of standing upright in the air, Knarf and Hanid began looping head over heels, twisting and turning and whirling and diving. Then—zoom!—down they went straight for the ground.

"Well," said Mr. Merlin, chuckling again as he took them both out of a bush, "I warned you about trying any funny stuff."

"A kite's tail may seem useless, but it's just as important as the tail of a cat. It's the only thing that keeps the kite balanced in the air."

"If we had only known," sighed Knarf, rubbing his bruised head.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

It's Fun to Fly Like a Kite

—But You Do Need a Tail, as Knarf Soon Discovered!—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, had taken their kite out to the hill. It was already high up in the blue sky, waving its long tail like a very contented cat and tugging at the string with all its might, when Knarf said to his sister: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if the kite could be down on the ground and we could be flying up in the sky?"

Hanid nodded. "Yes, it would," she agreed. "But how can we do it? Only a kite can fly at the end of a string."

"That's not true," a voice close beside them chuckled.

Knarf and Hanid looked around in surprise. It was their friend Mr. Merlin the Magician. He was leaning against a daisy and shading his eyes with his hand as he gazed up at the high-flying kite.

"That's not true at all," he repeated. "If you want to change places with that kite, just let me know. I can arrange it in a second. Well, goodbye..." With that, he started walking off, still smiling.

Knarf shouted: "Mr. Merlin! Wait a minute, please!"

"Come back!" called Hanid. Mr. Merlin came back.

"We want to change places with the kite," said Mr. Merlin.

Neither Knarf nor Hanid really believed for one second that Mr. Merlin, even though he was a wonderful magician, could get them up in the air where the kite was.

But Mr. Merlin seemed to be mumbling some words to himself and suddenly they felt themselves shooting up in the air. When they looked down

### Kite on the Ground

Far below they could see the kite on the ground at the very spot where they had been standing. Mr. Merlin was sitting on top of the daisy now, waving up to them.

"Hello!" they heard him shouting. "How do you like it up there?"

"Fine," Knarf called back. "It's very breezy," said Hanid. Mr. Merlin shouted up a warning: "Mind you, don't try any funny stuff! You won't like it if you come zooming down."

It was really getting good and breezy. But Knarf and Hanid still swayed a little. The string seemed to be holding them. It felt very tight. They stood upright in the air, gazing all around them at the trees and hills and houses and cows. Everything looked very small and much prettier than it did from the ground.

"I never knew it was so much fun being a kite," Hanid said.

Knarf said: "I wonder why we need these tails. They just keep waving around. Are they just for decoration?"

"I don't know, Knarf. Most kites seem to have them."

"No Use At All!"

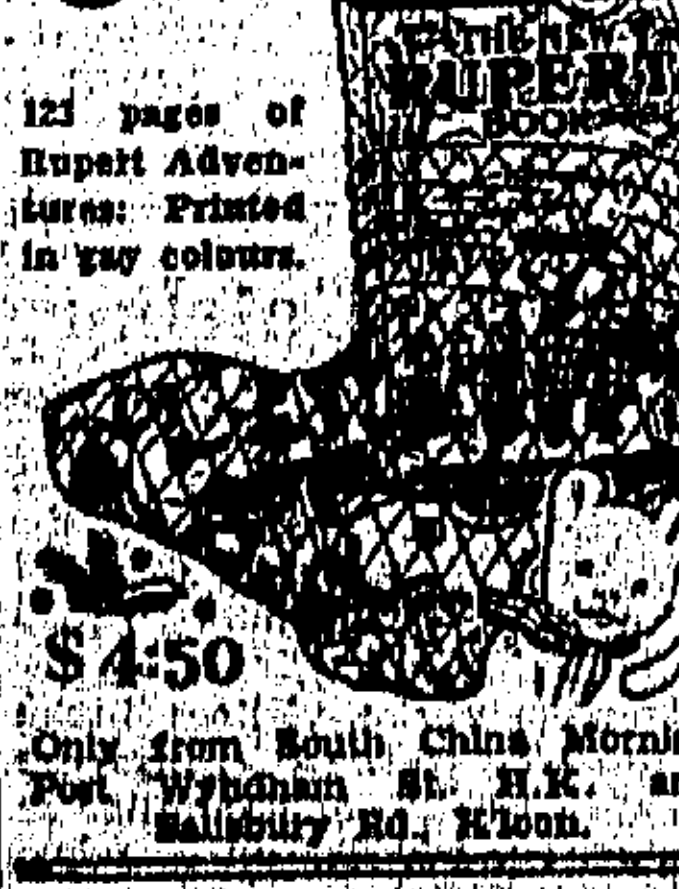
"I don't think they're any use at all," said Knarf. "Cows and horses have tails to flip the flies off. Dogs have tails so they can wag them when they're happy. Cats have tails to balance with when they walk along a fence. Monkeys

## Rupert and the Lion Rock—3



The way to Sallow Sam's shack is mostly uphill and the gentleman whom Rupert is leading becomes very breathless, so as soon as the way is clear the lion goes on ahead until he catches sight of his friend. "Hi, Sam," he calls. "I've brought someone to see you and he's brought a great day for me!"

## FOR Christmas



122 pages of Rupert Adventures. Printed in gay colours. \$4.50. Only from South China Morning Post, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797











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"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 8th Dec.
"SHANGHAI"	Keelung	Noon 8th Dec.
"SZECHUEN"	Shanghai	5 p.m. 10th Dec.
"FUKIEN"	Shanghai, Swatow, Amoy & Hongkong	10 a.m. 12th Dec.
"FOYANG"	Shanghai & Penang	5 p.m. 12th Dec.
"JI PEI"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 14th Dec.
"SHANGHAI"	Keelung	Noon 15th Dec.
"SINKIANG"	Shanghai, Djakarta, Semarang & Sourabaya	10 a.m. 15th Dec.
"SHANGHAI"	Shanghai, Yokohama & Kobe	5 p.m. 15th Dec.
"SHANGHAI"	Shanghai, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 17th Dec.
"SOOCHOW"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 25th Dec.

### ARRIVALS FROM

"SZECHUEN"	Shanghai	8th Dec.
"FUKIEN"	Shanghai	10th Dec.
"FOYANG"	Shanghai	11th Dec.
"JI PEI"	Shanghai	13th Dec.
"SHANGHAI"	Shanghai	15th Dec.
"SINKIANG"	Shanghai	16th Dec.
"SHANGHAI"	Shanghai	21st Dec.
"SOOCHOW"	Shanghai	22nd Dec.

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### SAILINGS TO

"TAIWAN"	Shanghai & Melbourne	9th Dec.
"TAIWAN"	Shanghai & Kobe	9th Dec.
"CHANGSHA"	Shanghai & Melbourne	10th Dec.
"TAIWAN"	Shanghai & Melbourne	28th Dec.
"CHANGSHA"	Shanghai & Melbourne	28th Dec.

### ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIWAN"	Shanghai & Melbourne	In Port
"TAIWAN"	Shanghai & Melbourne	In Port
"CHANGSHA"	Shanghai & Melbourne	13th Dec.
"TAIWAN"	Shanghai & Melbourne	25th Dec.

### BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said

"VENEZIA"	Liverpool & Glasgow	Hull's Wharf
"AGAPENOR"	via Manila, Genoa, London, Holland & Hamburg	21st Dec.
"ASCANIUS"	via Manila, Dublin & Liverpool	24th Dec.
"PERSEUS"	via Manila, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Jan.

### Scheduled sailings from Europe

Sails	Arrives
Liverpool	Hong Kong
"AGAPENOR"	13th Dec.
"PERSEUS"	15th Dec.
"ASCANIUS"	17th Dec.
"VENEZIA"	19th Dec.
"AGAPENOR"	21st Dec.
"PERSEUS"	23rd Dec.
"ASCANIUS"	25th Dec.
"VENEZIA"	27th Dec.
"AGAPENOR"	29th Dec.
"PERSEUS"	31st Dec.
"ASCANIUS"	2nd Jan.
"VENEZIA"	4th Jan.

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"DONA ALICIA"	8th Jan.

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"AGAMEMNON" 17th Dec.

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H.K. Bangkok/Singapore (DC-4)	8:00 a.m. Tues. Fri. 8:45 a.m. Wed. Sat. (Connects at Bangkok with U.S.A. to Rangoon)	(on return)
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### ARRIVALS

SHIPS	FROM	DUE
"BENVORLICH"	U.K. via Singapore	on or abt. 10th Dec.
"BENLOMOND"	U.K. via B.N.	1st Jan.
"BENRINNES"	U.K. via Singapore	18th Jan.
"BENVENUE"	U.K. via Singapore	20th Jan.
"BENVORLICH"	Japan	28th Jan.

### SAILINGS

SHIPS	TO	DATE
"BENVORLICH"	Kobe, Yokohama & Kobe	23rd Dec.
"BENLOMOND"	Havre, Liverpool, Glasgow & Avonmouth	4th Jan.
"BENRINNES"	Avonmouth, Havre & London	23rd Jan.
"BENVORLICH"	Direct to Singapore, thence London, Hamburg & Hull	28th Jan.
"BENVENUE"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg & Hull	27th Feb.

Via Singapore, Port Swettenham & Port Sudan.

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MANN suddenly at Southampton

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REMOVAL PERMIT Forms for

Duty-Paid Goods 10 cents each at

S. C. K. Post.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/s "TAIWAN"

Arrived 6th December, 1951

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will

be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &

Douglas at Hongkong & Kowloon

Wharf Godown at 10.00 a.m. on Mon-

day, 10th December, and Tuesday

11th December, 1951, and consignees

representatives are requested to be

present during survey.

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Australian-Oriental Line Ltd

(China Navigation Co., Ltd)

## NOTICE

### METAL INDUSTRIES OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Edinburgh House, Hongkong, on Wednesday, 19th December, 1951 at 10.15 a.m. for the following purposes:—

- To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1950.
- To confirm the appointment of a Director and to elect Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.
- To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to the 19th December, 1951, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

WHEELLOCK MARDEN & COMPANY, LIMITED.,

Secretaries and General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th Dec., 1951.

## SOAPY WATER

### IS GOOD FOR PLANTS:

### USE BATH SURPLUS IN THE GARDEN.

### WATER IS PRECIOUS

## Continued By Radio

The tenth in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr. S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 8.30.

For the guidance of listeners, we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries for subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

**Lesson 10**  
How much (many)? (Refer to page 18, "Cantonese Simplified"):  
Vocabulary:  
42 hoh(2) Good. Well. Very.  
43 daw(1) Much. Many.  
44 gay(2) Several. Fairly. How much or many?  
45 shee(2) Little. Few.  
Combinations:  
1 hoh(2) hoh(2) Very good.  
2 hoh(2) daw(1) (Very) much or many.  
3 (2) You hoh(2) daw(1) There is (are) much (many) There is plenty.  
4 Gay(2)-gaw(3) (1) you Several people.  
5 Gay(2) hoh(2) Fairly good.  
6 Gay(2) daw(1) How much (many)?  
7 Shee(2) shee(2) A little.  
A few.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per

STATES LINE

m/s "WASHINGTON"

are hereby notified that their cargo

is being discharged into the Hong-

kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown

Cos godown where it will be at

consignees risk and subject to the

Wharf's terms and condition of

storage, and where delivery may be

obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left

in the godowns for examination by

consignees and the Company's sur-

veyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke

at 10 a.m. on the 8th December

1951.

To comply with the General Bond-

ed Warehouse Regulations, con-

signees must have a Revenue Officer

in attendance when damaged dutiable

goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after

the goods have left the steamer's

godown, and all goods remaining

undelivered after the 9th December,

1951, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer

must be presented to the Under-

writing on or before the 17th Decem-

ber, 1951, or they will not be re-

cognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

## Clerk Fast In Safe For 45 Minutes

London, Dec. 6.

Firemen worked with crow-

bars for more than three-

quarters of an hour to release a

stockbroker's clerk who was

imprisoned in the firm's base-

ment safe in their offices in

Moorgate, E.C.

Twenty-year-old John Wright,

of Melrose-avenue, Wimbledon

Park, S.W. had gone to the safe

to place some papers in it,

and another member of the staff

pushed the door to. The door

was jammed—because of new paint

and cement work—and could

not be opened by the staff, who

could hear Mr Wright hammer-

ing and shouting.

Firemen had to use crowbars

and chisels to lever the door

free. City Police officers and

an ambulance waited outside.

But when the door swung open

Mr Wright walked out un-

harm.

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### PASSENGER /FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Leaves London	Arrives Hongkong
"CORFU"	16th November	17th December
"CANTON"	13th December	14th January
"CARTHAGE"	10th January	11th February
"CHUSAN"	22nd January	19th February
"CORFU"	7th February	10th March

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

Homewards

Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CORFU"	20th December
"CANTON"	18th January
"CARTHAGE"	16th February
"CHUSAN"	23rd February
"CORFU"	14th March

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & London.

### FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Due Hongkong	From
"SOMALI"	16th December	London & Continent
"TREVISE"	20th December	—

Homewards

Leaves Hongkong	For
"SINGAPORE"	20th December

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Hamburg, Antwerp & Rotterdam, with liberty to call at Bombay if inducement offers.

Tanks available for carriage of oil in Bulk.

Space for refrigerated cargo. Limited passenger accommodation.

## BRITISH INDIA S.N. CO., LTD.

"TAIRA"	due 8th Dec.	from Japan
	sails 10th Dec.	for Singapore, Penang, Hongkong & Calcutta

(These vessels have refrigerated cargo space)

## P. & O. B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"OBRA"	In Port	from Karachi, Bombay, Colombo & Singapore for Japan
"ORNA"	sails 8th Dec.	for Japan
	due 10th Dec.	from Japan
	sails 11th Dec.	for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi

## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. CO., LTD.

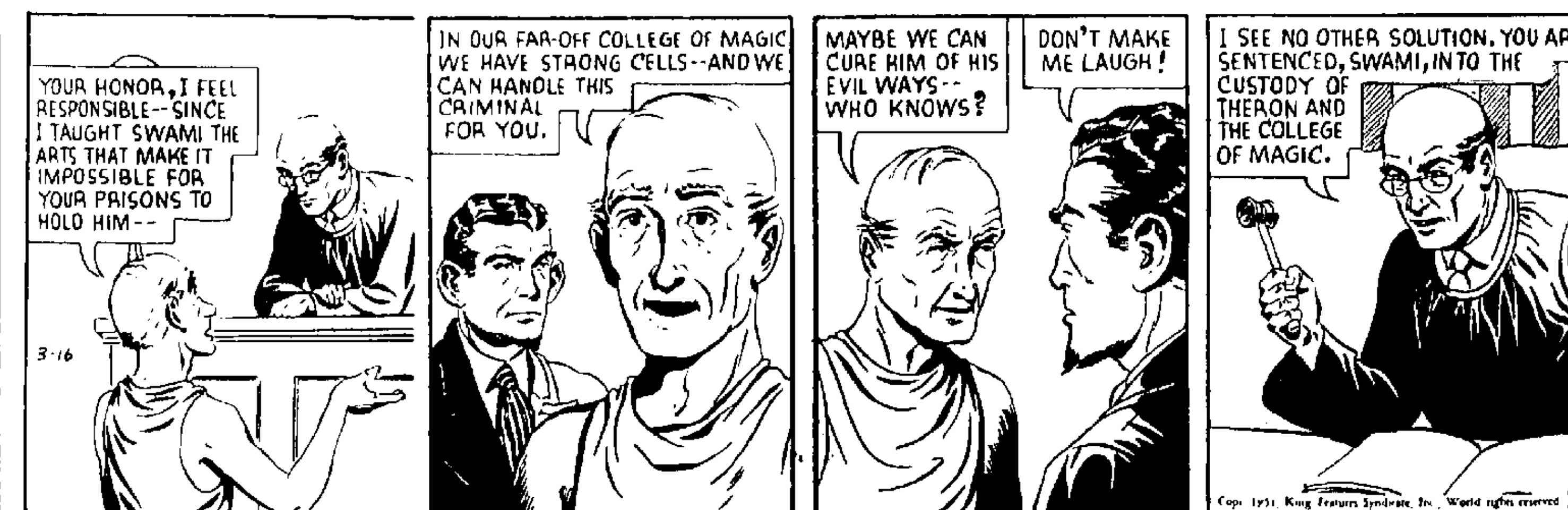
"NANKIN"	sails 20th Dec.	for Sydney, Melbourne & Adelaide
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All vessels have liberty to call at any ports on or off the route & the route & sailing are subject to change or amendment with or without notice.

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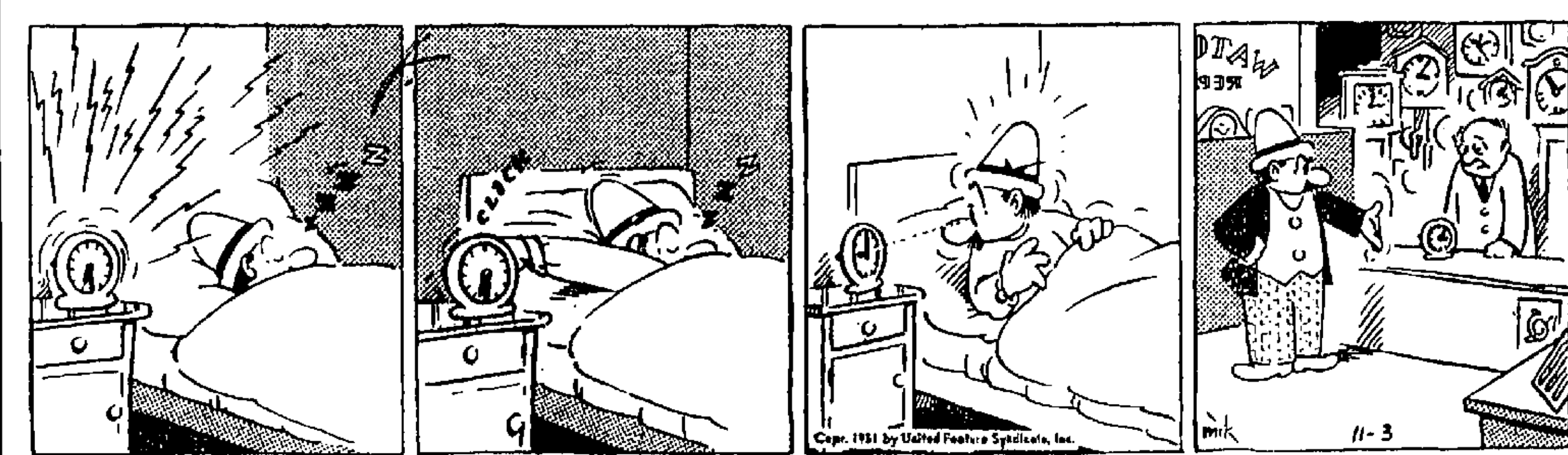
By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



## FERD'NAND

Giving Him The Works

By Mik



## NANCY

Curving One Over

By Ernie Bushmiller



## JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins





## MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	Dec 8	Marseilles
"BIR HAKEIM"	Dec 12	Campana Port
		Homeward For
"MONRAY"	In Port	N. Africa & Europe
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	Dec 8	Manila, Saigon & Marseilles
"BASTIA"	Dec 12	N. Africa & Europe
"BIR HAKEIM"	Jan 21	N. Africa & Europe

passengers & freight.  
 Freight for Saigon, Port Said, Tunis, Algiers, Oran, Tangier, Casablanca, Havre, Dunkirk, Antwerp & Rotterdam.

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## M.V. "FELIX ROUSSEL"

will sail for

## MARSEILLES

via

MANILA, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI & PORT SAID.

Saturday, the 8th of December at 10 p.m.

Passengers are requested to board the vessel with their cabin baggage on Saturday the 8th of December between 6 P.M. and 8 P.M.

Baggage Room and Hold Baggage will be registered at Kowloon Godown No. 50 (No. 2 Gate Canton Road Entrance) on Friday the 7th of December from 9 A.M. to NOON and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. No baggage will be accepted for registration after this time.

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## Cabinet Discuss Labour Controls

London, Dec. 6.

Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labour, is seeking Cabinet approval to reintroduce labour controls.

This plan to solve the manpower shortage has been inherited by Sir Walter from his Socialist predecessor, Mr Alfred Robens.

Its most distinctive feature is that the new probe will be directed as much against employers as against workers.

The plan proposes a return of the labour inspectorate which in wartime compelled employers to release redundant workers.

It is suspected that many employers are holding more workers than they really need, because they fear that if they discharge redundant workers there will be difficulty in replacing them when fresh orders arrive.

If the plan goes through, therefore, there will be an effect on the training of skilled and semi-skilled workers.

## NO DECISION YET

Restrictions are also proposed on the types of industry that unemployed workers may enter.

They will be "channelled" into industries of national importance, connected with the defence programme and the export drive.

So far the Cabinet has come to no decision, but Sir Walter is to secure its authority before submitting the plan to his National Joint Advisory Council, on which sit representatives of the organised employers, the nationalised industries, and the T.U.C.

## LONDON TIN MARKET

Prices of tin were much firmer this morning. Turnover was 80 tons, including five tons for cash.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 80 1/2  
 Spot tin, sellers 81 1/2  
 Three-month tin, buyers 81 1/2  
 Three-month tin, sellers 81 3/4  
 Business done at 81 1/2-81 3/4  
 Settlement 81 1/2-81 3/4  
 United Press.

## Seeds And Oils

New York, Dec. 6.  
 Prices in the seeds and oils market were closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:

Wheat, per bushel, 7.00  
 Corn, per bushel, 1.15  
 Soybeans, per bushel, 1.15  
 Cottonseed oil, per barrel, 1.15  
 United Press.

## One Currency For Colonies

Singapore, Dec. 6.  
 Five British South-East Asian territories are to have one common currency, which will facilitate trade with each other.

Singapore's Financial Secretary, Mr W. C. Taylor, motion to implement an agreement between the Governments of the Malay Federation, Singapore, Brunei, Sarawak and North Borneo for the establishment of a Currency Commission has been approved by the Singapore Legislative Council.

Mr Taylor assured the Council that no devaluation of the Malayan dollar was contemplated, although power is vested in the Currency Commissioners to vary the rate of exchange.—Reuter.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was slow, with a few transactions in the local and foreign shares.

STOCKS: HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI & PORT SAID.

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## Canadian Economy In Midst Of A "Little Depression"

Ottawa, Dec. 6.

The stringency of Canada's anti-inflation taxation programme, designed to help the nation meet the manpower and material needs of a \$5,000 million rearmament programme, has suddenly resulted in a "little depression."

On November 1, there were 155,508 registered unemployed in Canada. This figure is not regarded as in any way calamitous by officials of the Department of Labour, who consider that the situation is temporary and seasonal. It is, however, 12,000 higher than a year ago — and it has come in the midst of a defence effort calculated to require the efforts of everyone able to work.

Union leaders and employers generally agree with the situation taken by Mr J. W. Nesbitt, Minister of Labour, who has urged the Government to take steps to ease the situation. He has also urged the Government to take steps to ease the situation.

But today there are bread lines and soup kitchens in Montreal.

## Wall Street Trading At A Fast Pace

New York, Dec. 6.

The stock market raced ahead today with a lead in the fast pace in more than a month.

Gains were generous in just about every section of the list and ranged up to three points in the leading issues.

The volume came to an estimated 1,700,000 shares, the largest since late October.

The market started fast and higher, and continued the pace throughout the session with railroads in a leading position.

Chemicals added a major impetus to the advance as did steel, motors, aircraft and radio-television issues.

A bullish feeling pervaded Wall Street from the first, and buying spread rapidly from one section to another. Overnight news helped, especially the Washington move to raise price ceilings again.

Dow Jones Average 266.22  
 Railroads 43.56  
 Utilities 46.41  
 Associated Press.

## The Rubber Markets

London, Dec. 6.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 41.41  
 Number 2 rubber, per lb. 40.41  
 Number 3 rubber, per lb. 39.41  
 Number 4 rubber, per lb. 38.41  
 Number 5 rubber, per lb. 37.41  
 Number 6 rubber, per lb. 36.41  
 Number 7 rubber, per lb. 35.41  
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 Number 10 rubber, per lb. 32.41  
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 Number 31 rubber, per lb. 11.41  
 Number 32 rubber, per lb. 10.41  
 Number 33 rubber, per lb. 9.41  
 Number 34 rubber, per lb. 8.41  
 Number 35 rubber, per lb. 7.41  
 Number 36 rubber, per lb. 6.41  
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1951.



## The Sheridans Put On A Good And Amusing Show

Two Sheridans were responsible for a very amusing evening yesterday. Father T. J. produced this well known play to commemorate the birth of the famous playwright — and his namesake — 200 years ago.

The play, which was written by the late playwright, was a comedy of manners, and was a very amusing and entertaining production. The Sheridans, who were the main attraction, were very well received by the audience.

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## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Here's a forecaster who expects a mild winter—it might be silly to buy that big, heavy mink coat this year!

## Vital Statistics

The following statistics relating to economic and other subjects were published in a Supplement to the Gazette this morning.

Births registered in Hongkong during October totalled 6,870 Chinese and 62 non-Chinese, bringing the total for the first ten months of the year to 55,061.

During October, 1,793 Chinese and 12 non-Chinese deaths were registered. The number of death registrations for the first 10 months of the year total 17,240.

Industrial accidents reported during October totalled 56 with an equal number of persons injured. They were due to various causes, such as contact with machinery, falls and explosions.

Hongkong Island reported 320 traffic accidents during October. Six of these accidents were fatal, 20 resulted in serious injury and 87 in slight injury. There were 259 accidents reported in Kowloon and the New Territories. Of these seven were fatal, 24 caused serious injury, and 142 slight injury.

The total number of accidents for the first 10 months of 1951 are 5,716, with 2,719 casualties. Traffic fatalities in this period total 81 for the Colony.

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## Corney & Company Winding-Up Petition Granted PROPER CONFIDENCE VANISHES SAYS C.J.

Holding that wrong had been done to the Company and that proper confidence had vanished, the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, in the Supreme Court this morning granted a petition for the compulsory winding-up of R. Corney and Company Ltd, glass merchants and mirror manufacturers, of 127, Des Voeux Road Central.

It was alleged that four directors and two shareholders had withdrawn about \$400,000 from the Company without lawful authority.

Mr. V.L.J. D'Alton, for the opponents, said that at the adjournment yesterday it was suggested that some mode of compromise or arrangement might be arrived at between the parties. This was found not possible partly because not all the shareholders were in the Colony, and if any arrangement were arrived at it would have to be with the consent of all concerned.

In his address, Counsel said that it had never been put before his Lordship that the Company was insolvent or had suspended operations. The Company was still functioning and in 1947, 1948 and 1949 the total dividend paid out to shareholders amounted to 88 per cent.

Mr. D'Alton contended that mismanagement was not ground for a winding-up order. The Company had no creditors and no debts that it could not meet. Prejudice on the part of a shareholder could not justify the order, he said.

Compulsory winding-up, he said, would affect the value of the assets of the Company or it might otherwise be sold as a going concern.

NO PROTEST MADE Counsel said that whatever the feelings of the shareholders they could not say that the accounts were never placed before them at regular intervals and properly audited. There had been no complaint, inquiry and no protest made.

Mr. D'Alton said that he was not disputing the amount drawn and he was not disputing that they were imprudent drawings.

In conclusion, he said that the Company was a very old one, which took over an existing business in 1821 and which had been in operation since 1865. The present Company was not in financial embarrassment and there were no liabilities they could not meet.

It would be no advantage to anyone if the compulsory winding-up order were made at the present stage. The shareholders had not made any serious effort to compose their differences. If the Company were allowed to continue functioning no doubt some arrangement could be made for the money to be refunded.

Replying to the Hon. Mr. Justice, KC, for the petitioners, said that it was ludicrous to suggest that a meeting be called. The petitioners had shown good faith in the matter. How could one countenance the conduct of the opponents, queried Counsel. "How are we going to stop further drawings if a petition does not do so," he concluded.

WRONG DONE Making the order, his Lordship said that there was every ingredient present which not only justified the order to be made but was as strong as to require it to be made. Wrong had been done to the Company and that wrong had related to the voting power and proper confidence had vanished.

His Lordship then granted Mr. Wright's application for the order of the petitioners to be paid out of the assets of the company.

Just before the Court rose, Mr. D'Alton drew the Court's attention to an article in the Hongkong Standard and submitted that it was comment on a matter which was sub judice. At the time the paper appeared he had not opened the defence.

The Chief Justice agreed that the heading of the article was misleading and "a little beyond what was proved."

Notification was made in the Gazette this morning that the King's Exequatur empowering Mr. O. Tellefsen to act as Consul for Norway at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

FLORAL TRIBUTES Floral tributes were sent by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. d'Almada Remedios, Dr. and Mrs. C. J. See, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kwok, Messrs. Ma Man-fai, Cheng Tin-kin, Lam Chak-man, Lam Yuet-man, Tan Wan-sung, Tse Tim-chau, Ling Chun-fu, Chan Kin-kwai, Chang Yu-hang, Chang Li-cho, Chang Hing-po, Young Cho-po, Po Sin-kee, Ko Cheuk-lun, Ma Wal-lam, Ma Wal-man, Ma Cho-yung, Wong Kin-cho, Ma Wing-ho, Yip Pak-kin, Leung Nei-poon, Chiang Shung-pui, Cheng Ching-man, Kong Yiu-kong, Lam Yin-shu, Fook Ching-yu, Li Fook-kuen, Cheng Tse-mun, Chang man-kuen, Chang Man-cho, Chang Man-tin, Liu Man-yeo, Chang Wal-fung, Ho Hung-kin, Chan Wal-ki, Cheng Chi-wai, The Wah Kin Co., The Tai Chung, Manager, The Directors of the Sincere Life Assurance Co. Ltd., the Chung Wah Middle School, and many others.

The remains of Mrs. Tong were interred later at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam.

Funeral Of Mrs. Tong The funeral service of the late Mrs. Tong Chung King-ku, wife of Mr. Tong Tai-wan of the Sincere Life Assurance Co. Ltd., who died at her home at 4 Breezy Terrace on Tuesday after a 10-day illness was held at the Chapel of the International Funeral Parlour, Wanchai, this morning.

Cannon S. F. Tso of St. Paul's Church officiated. The late Mrs. Tong who was 74 is survived by her husband, four sons, Harley H. Kenneth, David and Dr. Peter Tong, seven daughters, six sons-in-law and many grandchildren.

Besides the chief mourners, those present at the funeral included Messrs. Ko Cheuk-lun, Ma Wing-ho, Fong Pu-chai, Fong Sek-wai, Siao Ming-leung, Cheng Chiu-lun, Chan Chi-ming, Au Ping-kwong, Lo Tai-yui, Yeung Cho-po, Tse Tim-chau, Tse Kwong-tong, Chan Sook-ying, Yip Pak-kin, Tse Sek-kwong, Chang Fai-ting, Chang Ching-man, Wong Tse-chiu, Chang Sek, Cheng Yuet-sing, Cheng Chiu-lun, Cheng Ang-see, Leung Tin-chun, Lau Kwong-wan, Ho Kit-ching, Li Tse-leung, Khoo Moon-wai, Lam Sing-tung, Cheng Chik-wai, Wong Wing-shui, Lam Shu-yan, Ho Yu-kin, Lam Chik-sun, Chang Chi, Li Shau-chi, Kwan Yiu-tong, Mrs. Kan Yau-man, Miss Dora Kwok, and many others.

### Living Language

Why we say Sadiem.

"Sadiem" means the pleasure obtained from inflicting pain on others, and the word comes from the Marquis de Sade, a wicked French nobleman of the 18th century, who led a most adventurous life but is chiefly noted for his excessive cruelty.

### Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at C.F.O. and at Kowloon Post Office: registered articles and parcels must be sent in earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

By Air

Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m. R.K.

Airways

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, 5 p.m. P.A.L.

U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m. P.A.L.

Siam, 5 p.m. P.O.A.S.

By Surface

Macao, 8 a.m.; 0 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

Burma, India, 2 p.m., ss Rob-evert.

Japan, 2 p.m., ss Ferrell.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

By Air

Siam, Malaya (via Bangkok), Burma, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, East Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 10.30 a.m., via B.O.A.C.

U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., P.A.A.

Formosa, 3 p.m., C.A.T.

Japan, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 5 p.m., Air France.

N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., Q.E.A.

### Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.00, Children's Hour; 6.15, News; 6.30, Hill by Elston Trevor; Part 4, (BBCS); 6.30, Cantonese By Radio; 6.45, Miss Lee Wai-lan and S. K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, Organ Concerto in B Flat (Hendel); 7.00, Dr. E. Bullock; 7.00, World News and News Analysis; (London Relay); 7.15, No. 31 in the Series Introduced by The British Council. Presenting Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's Musical Play "The Pirates of Penzance" by The D.G.S. and D.B.S. Dramatic and Choral Societies. Produced by Nancy O'Connell. Under The Musical Direction of Norah Edwards and Gerald Good-ham. 7.30, Accompaniment by Mary Lam and Betty Dolan. (Concert Hall); 7.35, Weather Report; 8.00, "Tom the Editor" (Recorded Relay); 8.10, Interlude; 8.15, Music From Films; 8.30, London Studio Melodies (BBCS); The Melochino Orchestra Conducted by George Melochino. With Helen Clare and Ted Rockridge; 9.00, "Music Lovers Hour—Classical Requests. Presented by Curtis Hindson. (Studio); 10.00, Radio News; 10.15, London Relay; 10.15, A Robert Farnon Concert. Redens Lewellyn (Baritone); 10.45, Song and Dance in Britain. A Programme from Northern Ireland (BBCS); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Weather Report; Good Save The King; 11.30, Close Down.

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